**Software Engineering - Work Sample - Check Sheet**

**Please read through this document to give yourself the best chance to achieve success for the work sample. I just want to reiterate to make sure you read the work sample prompt correctly. The candidates that have the most success, follow this check sheet.**

1. **Make sure to check for bugs. If there are bugs found in your work sample, it will count as a failure. Spend as much time as you need on the work sample. Spend time making sure it is right and there is clean code.** 
   1. **Hiring managers see candidates from every level, that forget to check for bugs. It is a policy here at Spreetail, that if any bugs are found it will be an automatic failure. We must assure you have the technical ability to do the job.**
2. **Follow the requirements including the output to the user on the console, even if you don't agree with them.** 
   1. **For the live coding, the team will ask you to enhance their program and they will give you verbal requirements. You should make sure you understand the requirements before you start coding. Some candidates type them into a notepad on the screen and review them with the team to make sure they understand. I highly recommend that.**
3. We have seen multiple failures for two main reasons.
   1. Reason number one is listed above. Candidates aren’t checking thoroughly for bugs. If there is one bug, they will fail you.
   2. Reason number two is the error handling in this section listed below:

Graphical user interface, text, application

Description automatically generated

Candidates aren’t reading the prompt in its entirety and are missing the ERROR section below:



**MAKE SURE YOU GOT THIS RIGHT.**

When you are finished double-check for bugs. When everything is complete send over the work sample to everyone on the email invite. Please send this over the night before your interview. The team will need to review it.

The team is excited!

Best of luck!